

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ 1. **(Currently Amended)** An assembly comprising:  
a trough element having a trough opening along a long dimension thereof and two ends perpendicular to said long dimension; and  
a support subassembly coupled to said trough element and adapted to be fixedly attached to an apparatus in a manner that causes said trough opening to generally face said apparatus at a distance from a nearest face of said apparatus that is greater than 0 inches.

✓ 2. **(Currently Amended)** The assembly of claim 1 where said support subassembly is adjustable to enable said trough opening to be at an adjustable distance from a plane containing a face of said apparatus.

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✓ 4. **(Previously Amended)** The assembly of claim 1 where said apparatus is a frame to which equipment that contains electronic components, or optical components, or both (electronic/optical equipment) is attached, a rack to which electronic/optical equipment is attached or on which electronic/optical equipment is placed, or an electronic/optical equipment module.

✓ 5. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1 further comprising one or more detent components that are physical extensions of said trough element.

✓ 6. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1 further comprising detent elements associated with said trough opening.

✓ 7. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 6 where said detent elements include flexible components.

8. **(Previously Amended)** The assembly of claim 1 further comprising one or more detent elements that are coupled to said trough element.

9. **(Previously Amended)** The assembly of claim 1 wherein said trough element is constructed to be pliable.

10. **(Previously Amended)** The assembly of claim 1 wherein said trough element includes slots in sides of said trough element to enable said trough element to be bent in a plane containing a long axis of said trough element and perpendicular to said sides.

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11. **(Previously Amended)** The assembly of claim 1 where said trough element includes slots in bottom of said trough element to enable said trough element to be bent in a plane containing a long axis of said trough element and perpendicular to said bottom.

✓ 12. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1 wherein said trough element has a cross section that is generally U-shaped.

✓ 13. **(Currently Amended)** An assembly comprising:  
a trough element having a trough opening along a long dimension thereof and two ends perpendicular to said long dimension; and  
a support subassembly coupled to said trough element and adapted to be fixedly attached to an apparatus in a manner that causes said trough opening to generally face said apparatus while being removed from said apparatus a distance that allows a cable to be accessible while it exits said trough opening and is connected to said apparatus.

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B2 14. **(New)** The assembly of claim 13 where said distance is one that allows a cable from said apparatus to exit said trough opening and connect to said face of said apparatus with a curvature that is acceptable for said cable.

✓ **15. (New)** An assembly comprising:  
a trough element having a trough opening along a long dimension thereof and two ends perpendicular to said long dimension; and  
a support subassembly adapted to be attached to an apparatus, and further adapted to be adjustably connected to said trough element.

✓ **16. (New)** The assembly of claim **15** where the adjustability of the connection of said support assembly to said trough element permits connection of said trough element at different distances away from said apparatus.

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✓ **17. (New)** The assembly of claim **15** where the adjustability of the connection of said support assembly to said trough element permits connection of said trough element at an angle other than a direct facing of said trough opening a front plane of said apparatus.

✓ **18. (New)** The assembly of claim **15** where said angle is adjustable.  
attached to an apparatus in a manner that causes said trough opening to generally face said apparatus at a distance from a nearest face of said apparatus that that is greater than 0 inches.

✓ **19. (New)** The assembly of claim **15** where said apparatus is a rack or a communication apparatus adapted to be installed in said rack.

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